

The retinoids bind to one or more retinoic acid receptors to initiate diverse processes such as reproduction, development, bone formation, cellular proliferation and differentiation, apoptosis, hematopoiesis, immune function and vision. Retinoids are required to maintain normal differentiation and proliferation of almost all cells and have been shown to reverse/suppress carcinogenesis in a variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* experimental models of cancer, see (Moon et al., Ch. 14 *Retinoids and cancer*. In *The Retinoids*, Vol. 2. Academic Press, Inc. 1984). Also see Roberts et al. Cellular biology and biochemistry of the retinoids. In *The Retinoids*, Vol. 2. Academic Press, Inc. 1984, hereby incorporated by reference), which also shows that vesanoid (tretinoid trans retinoic acid) is indicated for induction of remission in patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL).

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Nonlimiting examples of retinoids that may be used in the present invention are identified in Table No. 13 below.

5 Table No. 13. Retinoids

Compound	Common Name/ Trade Name	Company	Reference	Dosage
CD-271	Adapaline		EP 199636	
Tretinoin trans retinoic acid	Vesanoid	Roche Holdings		45 mg/M ² /day as two evenly divided doses until complete remission
2,4,6,8- Nonatetraen oic acid, 9-(4- methoxy- 2,3,6- trimethylph enyl)-3,7- dimethyl- , ethyl ester, (all-E)-	etretinate isoetretin; Ro-10- 9359; Ro- 13-7652; Tegison; Tigason	Roche Holdings	US 4215215	.25 - 1.5 mg/kg/day
Retinoic acid, 13-	isotret- inoxin	Roche Holdings	US 4843096	.5 to 2 mg/kg/day